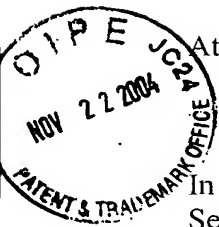


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Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.